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Director of Logistics

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Director of Security

Purchase of Flexowriter Machines

1. During the past several months laboratory analysis has been conducted of the flexowriter machine to ascertain its vulnerability to technical penetration. As a result of these tests, it has been ascertained that the flexowriter, as now being sold, is extremely vulnerable to technical penetration. By advance techniques it is feasible to intercept information being punched on flexowriter tape from several hundred yards away without access to Agency buildings or the flexowriter machine itself.

2. In view of this security vulnerability of the flexowriter machine it is requested that all requisitions for flexowriter machines by Agency personnel be forwarded through the Office of Security for consideration prior to purchase. It is further requested that no flexowriter machines be purchased for overseas use or sent overseas for any reasons without the prior concurrence of this Office.

SIGNED

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Distribution:

- Orig & 1 - Adse
- ① - D/OS
- 1 - DD/PPS
- 1 - PhySD
- 2 - TB

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